

SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM
FACT SHEET

The Summer Intern Program began in 1966 with initial focus on Chinese area and language studies. Gradually, it has been expanded to include other geographical areas and academic fields such as economics, engineering, geography, law, and psychology. The majority of those selected for this program have completed one or more years of graduate study; they must be committed to attend graduate school the fall following completion of the internship.

The Intern Program has proved mutually beneficial. Interns have an opportunity to apply their academic skills to the substantive work of the Agency and, at the same time, become acquainted with professional foreign intelligence analysts. The Agency benefits from the high quality of the Intern's research projects. Many are published and distributed throughout the Intelligence Community. In this manner, the Agency is able to assess the analytical ability and potential of the Interns. The Interns also have weekly orientation sessions with senior officials who acquaint them in detail with the work of the Agency. Since Interns meet the same employment standards as regular employees, briefing officials are candid in describing the activities, duties, and responsibilities of their components. This same frankness prevails in their responses to questions from the Interns that follow each presentation.

Positive reaction to the assignments and briefings has been consistently high over the years. As a result, competition for acceptance into the Program is very keen. Over a ten year period, the number of Intern positions has increased significantly. At the same time, the number of inquiries received each year has increased at a greater rate.

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